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This memorandum reports the significant changes in the Southeast China area as observed from a study of aerial photography flown between

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Items of specific interest include airfields, defenses, transportation, and electronic installations.

AIRFIELDS

Lu-Chiao (28/34N - 121/30E): Sixty-three probable FAGOT and five probable FANG were on Lu-Chiao A/F on

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Eleven revetments are under construction along the base of a small hill two miles south southeast of the south end of the runway. The revetments measure 80' by 70' with 70' entrance ways. A taxiway, 45' wide, connects the revetments with the airfield.

A probable POL storage area is under construction approximately six miles west of the northeast end of the runway. The storage area consists of seven underground shelters under construction in a hill which is circled by a loop road. The storage area is connected to the airfield by a 20' wide road.

Lung-tien (25/35N - 119/28E): The runway is being extended 7400' by an 800' addition to the southwest end. Surfacing of the runway and taxiway continues. Numerous small boats continued to unload material off-shore.

Lung-chi (24/33N - 117/39E): All construction work on the airfield and its facilities have been completed. The airfield is serviceable.

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Lian-cheng (25/40N - 116/40E): An administration and barracks area is under construction 4500' east of the runway. There are thirty-eight barrack-type buildings (120' X 45') plus sixteen buildings measuring from 55' X 20' to 85' X 45' in various stages of construction. Construction activity on the airfield was intensive.

Kao-chi (24/32N - 118/07E): Construction work continues on the airfield and its facilities.

Ching-yang (24/47N - 118/35E): No significant change was noted in the airfield and its facilities.

Hai-an (25/02N - 118/48E): The airfield is similar in appearance to other airfields recently constructed in Southeast China coastal area. It consists of a single runway 6400' by 200', oriented in a NNE-SSW direction. In addition, there is a parallel taxiway, four cross-over taxiways, parking and servicing aprons, thirty aircraft revetments in two separate dispersal areas, control tower, operations building, hangar and shop buildings, POL storage area, aircraft beam approach landing system and other facilities associated with a typical Chinese communist airfield.

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The airfield is protected by two 8-gun heavy (85mm) anti-aircraft batteries and three 4-gun medium (37mm) AA batteries. The heavy batteries are controlled by Whiff radar.

Cheng-hai (23/26N - 116/46E): An aircraft dispersal area and probable landing strip has been constructed three miles north of the Airfield.

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A graded area 5000' X 100', oriented in a N-S direction, has a central strip 50' wide which was being surfaced on photography dated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Drainage is provided by ditches on both sides of the graded area. Thirteen revetments with jet blast breaks have been constructed along the east side of the landing strip. The landing strip and dispersal area is connected with the main field by a 50' wide taxi-way. No significant changes were noted in the main airfield at Cheng-hai.

DEFENSES

Amoy Area: Three 4-gun artillery batteries have been located at isolated inland positions. This represents a change in the deployment of artillery in this area. At Yung-ming there were three 4-gun medium AA batteries. In addition, there were three 4-gun batteries of automatic weapons and twenty-five trucks.

In the vicinity of Ho-ching, located four miles west of Sung-hsu there were one medium four gun AA battery, twenty-three revetted vehicles, an infantry strong point, and several tents.

Located southeast of Shen-Ching are two 4-gun artillery batteries and numerous unoccupied artillery positions.

A four gun artillery battery is located on the east side of the village of Tien-chung-yang, which is located approximately one mile north of Ma-Chiang airfield. The battery is not revetted.

TRANSPORTATION

Railroad: Survey scars and communication line poles indicate the route of the new railroad to Amoy will go from Chiao-wai (24/17N - 117/54E)

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to the new causeway presently under construction west of Chi-mei. It appears that the railroad will cross the causeways and enter Asoy Island at Kao-Chi.

In addition, a marshalling yard 3000' by 100'-180' is under construction at Sung-hsu. The storage area northwest of the marshalling yard has been completed. It consists of five revetted buildings totaling approximately 22,000 square feet of storage space. Four storage buildings have been located adjacent to the marshalling yard. This area consists of approximately 6,000 square feet of storage space. The POL storage point at Sung-hsu has undergone renovation. The oil storage tanks have been painted and two of the old docks have been rehabilitated.

Road: A 640' highway bridge has been constructed at a ferry point 10 miles north of Ming-te, on the new coastal highway.

Work has begun on the construction of a highway bridge at Sai-chi ferry crossing (26/58N - 119/40E):, also located on the recently completed coastal highway.

25X1D Shipping: [REDACTED] photography three probable PT boats were located on a marine railway in the naval station at Ma-wei (25/59N - 119/20E). In addition, two new medium AA batteries were noted in the Ma-wei area.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Barracks Areas: Five miles northwest of Lung-tien Airfield, near the village of Hsi-keng (25/38N - 119/25E) is a barracks area made up of

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sixteen buildings ranging in size 120' X 50' to 85' X 30'. In the same area numerous piles of conglomerate material was noted along the road.

Approximately 5.5 miles west of Foochow and near the village of Tung-kou is another barracks area comprised of thirteen buildings ranging in size from 135' X 60' to 70' X 60'. Adjacent to this barracks area, at 26/08N - 119/11E, is a truck repair plant with five large repair buildings and twenty smaller miscellaneous buildings and sheds. On [REDACTED] photography approximately 145 trucks were parked in this area.

Dams: Recent photography has revealed five newly constructed dams between Chiao-wei and Tung-an. These dams range between 250' and 500' across and appear to be flood control and/or irrigation dams with the exception of the dam located four miles north of Tung-an which may have some power potential. Each of the dams are constructed of earth and are in various stages of construction.

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